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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
 REVIEW AUTHORITY: ARCHIE M BOLSTER  
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1. ON AUGUST 10, WE DISCUSSED WITH UNHCR AND JOINT AIR CELL STAFF ISSUES REGARDING BROADCASTING CAPABILITIES TO RWANDAN REFUGEES AND USE OF BUJUMBURA AIRPORT FOR LOGISTICS.

RADIO STATIONS IN ZAIRE AND RWANDA

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2. THE 8/10 WEEKLY UNHCR BRIEFING ON RWANDA DISCUSSED IN SOME DETAIL THE RADIO STATIONS EXTANT. WE ALSO SPOKE PRIVATELY WITH UNHCR OFFICIALS TO OBTAIN MORE DETAILS. UNHCR REPORTED THE FOLLOWING:

-- IN GOMA, THE RADIO STATION SET UP BY RAPPORTEURS SANS FRONTIERES/FRANCE (AND FUNDED, AT LEAST IN PART, BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT) BEGAN OPERATIONS ON 8/5. IT BROADCASTS THE SAME ONE-HOUR PROGRAM THREE TIMES A DAY. TEXT IS CLEARED BY UNHCR AT 11:00 AM DAILY. MOST OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOCUS UP TO NOW HAS BEEN ON PUBLIC HEALTH (CONSIDERED VERY IMPORTANT, GIVEN CONCERN FOR CHOLERA, DYSENTERY, ETC.). STATEMENTS ON REPATRIATION THUS FAR HAVE GENERALLY BEEN LIMITED TO THE MESSAGES FROM HIGH COMMISSIONER OGATA'S SPEECH TO THE RWANDA PLEDGING CONFERENCE.

-- IN BUKAVU, THE RADIO STATION SET UP BY RAPPORTEURS SANS FRONTIERES/SWITZERLAND BEGAN OPERATIONS ON 8/6. IT BROADCASTS SIX HOURS PER DAY, INCLUDING MUSIC. NO RELIGIOUS MUSIC IS PLAYED, HOWEVER, BECAUSE SUCH MUSIC HAD BEEN USED BY THE INFAMOUS RADIO MILLES COLLINES.

-- A RADIO STATION IN KIGALI IS NOT YET OPERATIONAL. UNHCR APPROACHED THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND RSF FOLLOWED-UP, BUT THE GOVERNMENT RESPONDED THAT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A MINISTER OF INFORMATION IS IN PLACE THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE WRITTEN PERMISSION TO BEGIN OPERATIONS. UNHCR ALSO NOTED THAT THE UN SYG HAS PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UN RADIO SYSTEM IN RWANDA.

3. UNHCR'S AFRICA BUREAU DIRECTOR MORJANE POINTED OUT THAT, WHILE THE STATIONS HAVE JUST BEGUN OPERATING AND

UNHCR IS BEING "PRUDENT" IN ITS MESSAGES, THEY WILL BE DEVELOPING MORE MESSAGES ON REPATRIATION IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE WERE TOLD SEPARATELY THAT A STAFF MEMBER FROM THE UNHCR/HQS PUBLIC INFORMATION SECTION IS EXPECTED TO TRAVEL TO ZAIRE IN THE NEXT WEEK TO COORDINATE MESSAGES BEING TRANSMITTED BY THE STATIONS.

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4. IN SUM, ON RADIO CAPACITY, UNHCR BELIEVES IT HAS SUFFICIENT CAPACITY AT BOTH GOMA AND BUKAVU, AS WELL AS SUFFICIENT CAPACITY TO EXPAND WHEN NECESSARY.

BUJUMBURA AND BUKAVU AIRPORTS

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5. WE ALSO ASKED ABOUT UNHCR'S VIEWS ON POSITIONING U.S. TROOPS AT BUJUMBURA AIRPORT TO ASSIST WITH LOGISTICS (WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT NO USG POLICY DECISION HAS YET BEEN MADE TO EXPAND U.S. MILITARY RELIEF OPERATIONS TO BURUNDI). UNHCR INFORMED US THAT IT SEES A NEED TO PREPOSITION SUPPLIES AT BUKAVU AND AT

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BUJUMBURA (FOR ONWARD SHIPMENT BY LAND TO BUKAVU) BEFORE  
THE RAINY SEASON. ALTHOUGH UNHCR UNDERSTANDS THAT THERE  
ARE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VIABILITY OF THE  
BUJUMBURA-BUKAVU LAND ROUTE, WFP IS CURRENTLY USING THE  
ROUTE AND IT SHOULD BE USEABLE WITH SPECIAL EQUIPMENT.

6. ACCORDING TO THE JOINT AIR CELL, THE INITIAL  
ESTIMATE IS THAT BUJUMBURA AIRPORT COULD TAKE THREE

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C-5S. IT DOES NOT KNOW WHAT LOGISTICS CAPABILITY IS NOW  
PRESENT IN BUJUMBURA.

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7. WITH RESPECT TO A SPECIFIC INQUIRY ON WHETHER THE JOINT AIR CELL HAD REJECTED A USAF REQUEST TO FLY INTO BUJUMBURA, THE U.S. MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER TOLD US THAT THE AIR CELL DOES NOT/NOT SCHEDULE FLIGHTS INTO BUJUMBURA. REQUESTS INSTEAD ARE TO BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE BUJUMBURA AIRPORT AUTHORITIES. PERHAPS SOMEONE MAKING SUCH A REQUEST TO THE JOINT AIR CELL MISCONSTRUED THE RESPONSE AND MISTAKENLY DETERMINED THAT THE AIR CELL

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THEREFORE HAD TURNED DOWN A USAF REQUEST TO FLY INTO BUJUMBURA.

8. NOTE THAT THE JOINT AIR CELL WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INCREASE FLIGHTS INTO BUKAVU FROM FIVE TO TEN FLIGHTS PER DAY. HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT SURE THE RUNWAY CAN TAKE TEN FLIGHTS/DAY, AND THE ODA OFFLOADING TEAM DOES NOT HAVE FORKLIFTS. THESE WILL HAVE TO BE PROVIDED BEFORE THE DEPARTURE OF THE FRENCH TEAM, WHICH IS NOW ASSISTING WITH OFFLOADING. SPIEGEL

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